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Abstract of the Disclosure

A protective nonwoven fabric having a bulk density in the range of about 0.075 g/cc to about 0.130 g/cc and a Gurley stiffness greater than about 80 mg has been discovered to be effective in protecting articles with sensitive surfaces from damage caused by dirt, dust and/or other particulate contaminants. The sensitive surface protective material of the present invention has the ability to capture and entrap dirt, dust and other particulate contaminants and prevent the redepositing of these contaminants onto the sensitive surfaces. The material is disclosed as being useful for preparing sleeves for holding and storing articles with sensitive surfaces, for example, compact disc.